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1. I talked today with Sen. Knowland regarding the source of his enclosure to the DCI of 26 June 1954. Sen. Knowland stated that his source was [redacted] who have contacts in Communist China through [redacted]. Sen. Knowland stated that he had documentary proof to his satisfaction regarding the bona fides and abilities of his source.

2. Mr. Mandel, of the staff of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called concerning the testimony of the [redacted] and pointed out that it had mentioned certain "American sections" in Soviet intelligence organizations. He felt that [redacted] testimony would be helpful, and asked whether there were any opportunities to bring him to the United States. I stated that at best this was a long-range proposition as the [redacted] and it might be a lengthy procedure which in turn might well be followed by prosecutions which would require [redacted] for a protracted period. I promised, however, to keep their interest in mind.

3. I talked this afternoon with Messrs. Schroeder and Arens, of the staff of the Senate Immigration Subcommittee, on several matters. They have indicated to me the type of testimony which they would like to have in connection with their Mexican [redacted] hearings on 15 September. (This will be incorporated in a separate Memorandum for the Record). They also again indicated that they would like testimony on strategy and tactics of world communism from CIA witnesses, and I told them I would look into the matter. I have asked Mr. Schroeder for transcripts of the testimony in the [redacted] and allied hearings, which he said he would furnish me as he agreed we should review it. He said that [redacted] usefulness among [redacted] groups, both here and abroad, had been destroyed, but indicated that [redacted] was the best of the lot. I also talked to them about the passage of [redacted] for the relief of [redacted] in which the SE Division/DDP is much interested. Because of the opposition of [redacted] of which they are aware, this bill may be controversial, but they will review the Immigration Service report now before them and see what can be done.

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An hour after my conversation with Mr. Schroeder, he called me to state that the Immigration Subcommittee had just approved the Fournarakis bill.

4. Cong. Stringfellow called me to state that as a result of the recent television programs on his wartime experiences (including Wednesday night's repeat performance of "This is Your Life"), Time Magazine had become interested in the story and had sent a reporter to see him. He said that perhaps he should not have done so, but that he has referred the reporter to me. I have told [] that if the reporter for Time should call me I would refer him to [] Cong. Stringfellow also asked if I would see him next week regarding the Frelinghuysen bill, H.R. 9660, as the young Republican members, particularly of their breakfast club, were behind the bill as a means of protecting CIA from McCarthy attacks.

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